

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The golf club head of claim 10, wherein;

the elliptical outer edge of the central thickened region has a first major axis and a first minor axis; and

the elliptical outer edge of the transition region has a second major axis and a second minor axis, the second major axis being equal to the first major axis plus a predetermined distance and the second minor axis being equal to the first minor axis plus said predetermined distance.

12. (Original) The golf club head of claim 11, wherein:

The first major axis is from 0.65 to 1.05 inches and the first minor axis is 0.25 to 0.45 inches.

13. (Original) The golf club head of claim 12, wherein:

the predetermined distance is from 0.40 to 1.20 inches.

14. (Original) The golf club head of claim 10, further comprising:

a shell having an opening; and

the face plate being attached to the opening in the shell to form a hollow body.